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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2005, concerning the above-caption application. The period for response to this Office Action extends until August 20, 2005.

In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 in the present application to one of the following inventions:

Group I – Claims 1-28 drawn to an abrasion resistant-sleeve in class 442/134;
and

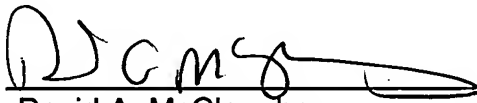
Group II – Claims 29-31 drawn to a method of forming an abrasion-resistant sleeve in class 28.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I directed to an abrasion-resistant sleeve. Applicants make this election without prejudice to filing one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected group. Applicants will cancel the claims directed to the non-elected group when an indication of allowance of the elected group is received.

Accordingly, it is believed that the outstanding Office Action has been fully complied with herein. If the Examiner has any questions or would like to personally discuss this application, she is invited to contact either of the undersigned attorneys at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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